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Hi Jennie -

Thanks for the kind words for Zaki - Los Angeles is lucky to have him!
I also want to share my personal appreciation for your continued advocacy and persistence around safety for people biking and walking. The city improves when we have strong advocates, dedicated public servants, and courageous leadership.

If you are interested, in late January we released our Vision Zero Action Plan

(http://visionzero.lacity.org/vision_zero_action_plan_released/), focused on making rapid improvements along 40 corridors throughout Los Angeles that have high numbers of severe and fatal crashes. Our goal is to prove that design changes outcomes and a coordinated engineering, enforcement, and education campaign can save people's lives.

- Seleta

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 5:37 PM, Jennie Chamberlain

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Hello Ms. Reynolds,

I wanted to thank you for connecting me with Zaki Mustafa. He came out to observe the situation around Thomas Starr King Middle School this morning, where hundreds of students, the vast majority unattended, cross Fountain everyday, which is one corridor along our city's High Injury Network, and where severe injuries and deaths have occurred during daytime hours between 3pm-6:30pm when children are commonly present after school lets out.

I was glad that Mr. Mustafa agreed that an Leading Pedestrian Interval at Fountain and Myra would be extremely helpful in mitigating some of the dangers posed at this problematic intersection. An LPI at this main crossing for King is something that our Friends of King board had asked for last spring, and this request was echoed formally by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council last October. I am hoping that this can be implemented without further delay to help prevent a potential tragedy.

Looking towards the future, I would also like to participate in the Vision Zero planning and outreach for this high injury network corridor. I have signed up to take the Vision Zero training through the Vision Zero Alliance. Please keep me abreast of future developments in this area. I look forward to continuing to work towards developing a safer streetscape for all users.

In the meantime, our Friends of King Board will be stepping up our education and outreach campaign to gain more compliance from drivers. We will also continue to ask for increased enforcement both from our LAUSD police and the LAPD for moving and speed violations that endanger our students. We are also coordinating our efforts with Lockwood Elementary School, which is a few blocks south of Fountain, and some other local elementary schools in the area.

Thank you again for your time. I look forward to LADOT moving forward with their Vision Zero Action Plan and making LA a significantly safer and more pleasant place to walk and bike.

Best,
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